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OFFICERS FOR 1918.

Rev. W. A. Jones.....*Moderator*
Rev. J. C. Milton.....*Vice-Moderator*
Rev. M. F. Jones.....*Auditor*
Bro. D. W. H. Mitchener.....*Treasurer*

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LICENTIATE MINISTERS.

A. Jones, Durham, N. C.; D. J. Jenkins, B. H. Holloway, Durham, N. C.; A. L. Bridgers, Rufus Sanders, J. R. Hinnant,

Kenly, N. C.; Irwin Davis, Clayton, N. C.; H. H. Sanders, Smithfield, N. C.; S. H. Palmer, Garner, N. C.; J. A. King, G. R. Pair, Clayton, N. C.; W. H. Williams, James Barnes, Benson, N. C.; R. Bryant, Method, N. C.; R. J. Jones, Percy Hamilton ,W. G. Honeycutt, Milton Whitley, Henry Allen, R. C. Hopkins, W. L. Long, M. G. Watkins, S. Hinnant, W. H. Allen, Arthur Jones, Cary, N. C.; H. S. Fuller, A. L. Oston, Hardy Pair, Clayton, N. C.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Address of welcome.
3. Response.
4. Introductory sermon.
5. Appointment of committees.
    - (*a*) Committee on hours of meeting.
    - (*b*) Committee on Finance.
    - (*c*) Committee on Resolutions.
    - (*d*) Committee on Reception of New Churches.
    - (*e*) Committee on Officers.
    - (*f*) Committee on Place.
    - (*g*) Committee on Divine Service.
    - (*h*) Committee on Associational High School.
6. Report of Executive Board.
7. Report of Missionary Board.
8. Report of High School Trustees.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Address on Education.
12. Address on Sunday School.
13. Address on Home Missions.

PROCEEDINGS

Selma, N. C., October 17, 1917.

The Johnston Baptist Association met in its 32d Annual Session October 17, 1917. With the Selma Baptist Church, Rev. W. A. Jnes, D.D., pastor. Promptly at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the beloved moderator, Rev. Wm. Ellerbee, called the first session to order, and called on Revs. H. H. Sanders and D. J. Judkins to conduct devotional exercises. Song No. 495, "If Jesus Be My Friend," etc. Read Scripture lesson from 87th Psalm. Rev. Judkins led the prayer. Sang second hymn No. 718, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," etc. After this touching selection was sung, the moderator announced that the first half hour would be devoted to prayer, praise and expression. The designated time was observed and was greatly enjoyed by all. Moderator called or the welcome address. The pastor of the Selma Baptist Church, Rev. W. A. Jones, D.D., came forward and extended a most impressive and cordial welcome, and bade all his hearers to make themselves at home, with the conscious belief that all was welcome to the church and in the homes of his people, and asked all to content themselves with the best hospitality his people could give. Bro. S. A. Smith, the superintendent of the Selma Baptist Sunday School, came forward and also gave the association a hearty welcome on the part of the Sunday School. Rev. W. G. Best, of the Disciples Church, also extended hearty welcome on the part of his church and people, and declared the latch-string of the homes of his people was on the outside, into which all would find a hearty welcome. Rev. M. F. Jones spoke in response to the welcome address, and declared the welcome was accepted and would be acted upon in the same spirit in which it was given, and he bespeaks for the visitors that our conduct would be such to merit the hearty welcome just received.

Prof. J. E. Houcutt, of the White Oak Hill Baptist Sunday School, happily responded to the welcome address given by the superintendent of the Selma Sunday School congregation. Song, "At the Cross," etc. Moderator called for the preaching of the introductory sermon. Rev. M. V. Canaday, associated with Rev. C. W. Underwood, ascended the stand. Another appropriate divine service was had. Song, hymn No. 344, "How Happy Every Child of Grace," etc. Read for Scripture lesson from 2d Timothy, 2 chapter. Rev. Underwood led the prayer. Congregation sang No. 490, "I Am Not Ashamed," etc. Rev. Canaday preached a very strong sermon from Timothy, 2d chapter, 3d verse: Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier. Theme, "Soldiers of Jesus Christ." Congregation sang, "Jesus Rescued My Soul," etc. Rev. Best, of the Disciples Church, led in a soul-stirring prayer. Rev. J. H. Crow, W. C. Sanders took a collection of $3.05. Benediction by Rev. H. H. Sanders.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Wednesday afternoon session opened with divine service; led by Revs. G. R. Pair and W. G. Stancil. Song, No. 926, "Oh, For a Close Walk With God," etc. Read Scripture lesson from Matthew, 12th chapter. Prayer by Rev. Stancil. Sang second hymn from No. 800, "Go Preach My Gospel, Says the Lord," etc.

Minutes of morning session read and approved. Enrollment of churches and delegates were as follows:

Oaky Grove.—Rev. R. B. Jones, L. W. Williams, Joseph Judkins, M. W. Hartly.

Lee X Roads.—Rev. S. S. Hall, J. H. Montague, T. J. Harris.

Green Hill.—Rev. H. M. Jones, Wesley Mitchener, H. J. Sanders.

Good Samaritan.—Rev. R. B. Jones, Quinton Jones, Lee Powell.

White Oak Hill.—Rev. M. L. McCoy, John Coleman, J. E. Houcutt.

Rogers Grove.—Rev. Wm. Ellerbee, Arthur Rogers.

Galilee.—Rev. S. H. Witherspoon, Abner Bayes, Sister Alma Avery, W. J. Sanders.

Bensoon.—Rev. R. W. Underwood, D. W. Womack, W. F. Kornegay.

Fayetteville Street.—Rev. M. F. Jones, Sylvester Jeffres, Seaton Hinton.

Clayton.—Rev. C. C. Clark, M. L. Watson, T. T. Sanders, Elizabeth Morgan.

St. Mary.—Rev. W. A. Jones, D.D., H. E. Clark, Fred. Bridges, Sister Mary McCullers, L. M. Holt.

Union Baptist.—Rev. Wm. Ellerbee.

Johnston Piney Grove.—Rev. C. H. Dunn, J. D. Jones.

Mt. Carmel.—Rev. H. H. Sanders, A. L. Fowler.

Spring Hill.—Rev. R. Crockett, John Hinnant, C. C. Lewis.

Smithfield.—Rev. J. C. Melton, W. H. Smith, D. W. H. Mitchener, A. W. Peney.

New Hill.—Rev. E. D. Sanders, Charlie O'Neal, Nathaniel Baker.

New Vester.—Rev. W. H. Mitchener, W. H. Horton.

Strickland Grove.—W. H. Mitchener, Ed. Rogers.

Green Chapel.—Rev. W. H. Mitchener, Levi Sanders, Edith Rayford.

New Bethel.—Rev. W. H. Mitchener, W. D. Sanders, I. J. Sanders, I. S. Sanders.

Zour Baptist.—Rev. C. H. Dunn, Osburn Eaton.

New Bethel (of Wilson County).—Rev. H. H. Sanders, Nancy McNeal, Warren Ethridge, Olive Leakes, Anna Bond,

Dawson Street.—Rev. H. H. Sanders.

Union Baptist.—Rev. H. H. Sanders.

Ebenezer.—S. H. Spruill, Rev. H. R. Holt.

Wake Baptist Grove.—Rev. M. V. Canada, Elias Allen.

Watts Chapel.—Rev. J. W. Jones and William Cotton.

Moderator delivered his annual address, which was strong and comprehensive. Upon motion the address was ordered spread upon the minutes. Sister Lucy Thompson came before the body, representing the Winston Orphans' Home. She made an earnest appeal, after which Rev. J. H. Crow lifted a collection for the home of $5.60. Letter read from Rev. C. C. Clark, stating, owing to sickness in his family that he could not attend. Upon motion, he was excused. Also letter from Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, asking the postponement of the educational sermon until Friday morning. Upon motion, sermon was deferred. Miss Hattie Tucker, travelling agent of Union Reformers, was introduced and made a welcome to the privilege of the floor. Miss Tucker made a strong appeal for the work she represented. Benediction by Rev. W. A. Jones.

Wednesday Night Session.

The Wednesday night session was opened with divine service, led by Revs. W. H. Mitchener and N. L. Holton. Song, hymn No. 283, "Just As I Am," etc. Read Scripture lesson from 27th Psalms. Prayer by Rev. N. L. Holton. Congregation sang No. 637, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Minutes of afternoon session were read and approved. Rev. E. E. Hurst, Rev. J. H. Read and Sister Emma Harris, of Oxford, was introduced to the audience. Rev. Read and Rev. Hurst spoke words of encouragement. Prof. King was also introduced, who spoke words of cheer. Sister Harris declared she was most happy to be present.

Moderator announced the preaching of the doctrinal sermon by Rev. J. H. Crow. Rev. Crow and Rev. R. W. Underwood took charge of the pulpit. Congregation sang No. 196, "Come, Holy Spirit," etc. Read part of Mark, 16th chapter. Rev. M. F. Jones led the prayer. Song, No. 414, Rev. Crow preached a strong, soul-stirring sermon from the 28th chapter, 19th verse, of Matthew: Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the father, and of the son and holy ghost, etc. Theme: "The Great Commission." Rev. W. A. Sanders led the prayer. Congregation sang, "He Leadeth Me." also rendered by the choir. Moderator called on Rev. E. E. Hurst, of the A. M. E. Church, and J. H. Read, of the A. M. E. Church, who took a collection of $15.

Those paying above 25c are as follows: Rev. J. H. Crow, $1; Rev. W. H. Dunn, $1; Rev. G. R. Pair, 50c; Rev. W. H. Walker, 50c; Prof. J. D. Jones, 25c; Rev. W. M. Ellerbee, $1; Bro. Ina Woodard, 25c; Rev. E. Hurst, 25c; Bro. Warren Ethridge, 50c; Bro. John Hinton, 50c; Rev. Read, 25c; W. H. Horton, 25c; Rev. G. R. Pair, 50c; Sister Mollie Walker, 25c; Mr. Gatha Gibbs, 25c; Rev. M. F. Jones, 25c; Rev. Clark, 25c; Rev. W. A. Jones, 25c; Rev. Wesley Mitchener, 25c; Rev. R. W. Underwood, 50c. Total, $15.

Thursday Morning Session.

The Thursday morning session was opened with divine service, led by Rev. M. F. Jones and I. Davis. Song, No. 507, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," etc. Read Scripture lesson from 91st Psalm. Prayer by Rev. I. Davis. Sang a second hymn from No. 520, "I Love Thy Kingdom, ord," etc. Minutes of last session were read and approved. After some discussion it was ordered that the educational sermon be preached at 12 o'clock noon by Rev. R. W. Underwood. Rev. W. A. Jones

spoke on the accomplishments of the high school. Further discussion was deferred until 2:15 in the afternoon. Rev. J. C. Milton spoke on "The Pastor's Spiritual and Civic Leadership," which was very instructive. Rev. H. M. Jones discussed "The Pastor's Opportunity." The educational sermon was further postponed until 3 o'clock by Rev. Underwood. Rev. J. C. Milton took a collection of $7.10. Benediction by Rev. M. L. McCoy.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

The Thursday afternoon session was begun with divine service, led by Revs. R. B. Jones and M. L. McCoy. Song, No. 487, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," etc. Read Scripture yesson from 19th Psalms. Prayer by Deacon Quinton Jones. Second hymn, No. 293, "Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee." Minutes of morning session were read and approved, after which the moderator called for the preaching of the educational sermon. Rev. R. W. Underwood consented to preach the sermon and was assisted by Rev. M. V. Canada. Song, No. 520, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," etc. Read Scripture lesson from Luke, 18th chapter. Prayer by Dr. A. W. Pegrus. Sang a second hymn from No. 417, "Am I Soldier of the Cross," etc. Rev. R. W. Underwood preached the educational sermon from Matthew, 4th to 6th chapters inclusive: "Why stand ye idle all the day? Go ye in the vineyard and work," etc. The sermon was strong, logical and appropriate to the occasion. Prayer by Rev. R. B. Jones. Congregation sang, "It is All Right Now." Drs. C. S. Brown and R. Spiller took a collection of $35.15: Rev. R. Spiller, $1; Rev. W. A. Jones, $1; Rev. H. H. Sanders, $1; Rev. M. L. McCoy, $1; Prof. C. E. Honcutt, $1; Rev. W. M. Sanders, $1; Rev. M. M. Lewis, $1; Rev. W. M. Ellerbee, $1; Mr. Charlie Hense, $1; Mr. T. J. Harris, $1; Mr. A. L. Wall,

$1; Rev. Isaac Jones, $1; Mr. King Wall, $1; Rev. S. S. Hall, $1; Rev. R. W. Underwood, $1; Rev. J. H. Montague, $1; Rev. Johnnie Jones, $1; Sister Dinah Wall, 25c; Mr. L. W. Williams, 25c; Mr. L. W. Hartly, 25c; Rev. Willie McSwain, 25c; Mr. John Barker, 50c; Mr. Clinton Jones, 50c; Dr. C. S. Brown, 50c; Dr. A. W. Pegrus, 50c; W. H. Smith, 50c; S. H. J. Sanders, 50c; W. H. Wharton, 25c; H. M. Wharton, 25c; H. M. Jones, 50c; R. B. Jones, 50c; William Cotton, 25c; Joseph Jenkins, 25c; Mary McCullen, 25c; Fred. Miles, 25c; J. D. Core, 25c; C. T. Brewerton, 50c; Sister L. A. Mial, 25c; Bro. —— O'Neal, 25c; Bro. Lonnie Bell, 25c; Bro. A. F. Sanders, 25c; Bro. E. D. Barnes, 50c; Bro. W. M. Jones, 25c; Bro. Arthur Penny, 25c; Sister Emma Harris, 25c; Mr. E. G. Sanders, $1. Total, $35.15.

Rev. Dr. C. S. Brown, A. W. Pegrus and Sister Genie Washington were noted in the audience. They were invited forward and made welcome to the privileges of the convention. Dr. Pegrus made some very interesting and encouraging remarks. Brother Willie Bumbus raised 50c minister's fee. Benediction by Rev. M. V. Canada.

Thursday Night Session.

The Thursday night session was begun with divine service, led by Revs. John Barbee and L. E. Clark. Song, No. 350, "Come We That Love the Lord," etc. Read Scripture lesson from Corinthians, 2d chapter, 15th verse. Rev. Barbee led the prayer. Sang a second hymn from No. 378, "Oh, For a Heart to Praise My God," etc. Minutes of afternoon session were read and approved. Mrs. E. Marie Coleman, of Philadelphia, was introduced and made welcome. Rev. Dr. P. E. Stevens, of the white Baptist Church of Selma, was made welcome. Dr.

Stevens entertained the association with an address, which was very instructive and helpful. The address abounded with scriptural quotations. At the conclusion of the address, congregation sang, "Blessed Assurance," etc. Dr. C. S. Brown was appropriately presented.2 He came forward and charmed the audience with an address upon the mission of the church. Dr. R. Spiller took the collection for foreign mission of $31:

Those paying above 25c are as follows: C. S. Brown, $1; S. S. Hall, $1; E. D. Sanders, 25c; R. Spiller, 50c; Rev. Stevenson, $1; Rev. R. W. Underwood, $1; Bro. H. J. Smith, $1; Bro. Quinton Jones, 50c; Rev. J. A. Melton, 50c; Rev. M. L. Horton, 50c; Sister Mary McCullers, 50c; Sister Lougenia Beckwith, 50c; Sister Hattie Leakes, 25c; Sister Beady Dancy, 25c; Bro. E. B. Sanders, 25c; Bro. Isaac Woodard, 25c; Mrs. Dinah Wall, 25c; Mrs. —— Richardson, 25c; Rev. H. E. Zew, 25c; Rev. J. D. Cole, 25c; Rev. M. L. McCoy, 25c; Rev. J. W. Nunn, 25c; Bro. —— Hartly, 25c; Mrs. Nancy Jones, 25c; Bro. John Holden, 25c; Bro. J. H. Thomas, 25c; Bro. Lee Powell, 25c. Total collection $31.

Friday Morning Session.

The Friday morning session began with divine service, led by Revs. John Barbee and Hardy Pair. Song, No. 672, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," etc. Read for Scripture lesson from Corinthians 1st chapter, 13th verse. Prayer by Rev. Pair. Sang a second hymn from No. 555, "How Beauteous Are Thy Feet," etc. Minutes of Thursday night's session were read and approved. Foreign Mission Board made a report. (See report.) Letter from Rev. H. R. Holt was read. Rev. A. A. Mitchener paid 50c membership fee. Dr. R. Spiller entertained the audience with a very helpful address. Dr. Spiller received a

standing vote of thanks. Committee on Grievances appointed, J. C. Melton, R. B. Jones, S. S. Hall. Committee on Resolutions made a report. (See report.) Upon motion, the pledge plan, suggested by Bro. A. L. Wall, be adopted. Carried. W. D. Sanders made his report as financial agent. (See report.) Money turned in amounted to the sum of $6.25. A vote of thanks was given. Ministerial Board made a report. (See report.) Association elected W. H. Mitchener and Wm. Ellerbee as delegates to the State convention. Rev. J. C. Melton was elected a delegate to next Cary convention. Sister Mary McCullers made a report as agent from Wilson's Mill. Reported a collection of $11.15. A vote of thanks was extended. Committee on Grievances made a report. (See report.) Sister Janie Austin another agent, made a report. She turned in $5.05. Sister Dinah Wall, $2.10. Sister Dinah Wall handed in $1, given by the W .I. C. Circle. Q. C. Mial, $1; Rev. M. L. McCoy, and Deacon Quinton Jones took a collection of $5.11; the same given to Sister Harris. The sum of $1.50 was taken for Rev. W. P. Sanders. The association voted gold badges to the retiring moderator. Song, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Benediction by Rev. J. C. Melton.

Friday Afternoon Session.

The Friday afternoon session was given over to the Woman's Home Mission Society, but owing to the absence of some of the leaders, the time was not used. Congregation stood and sung, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Association closed to meet with the Spring Hill Baptist Church Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1918.

Rev. William Ellerbee,
Moderator.

H. R. Goodson,
Secretary.

THE MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Dear Friends and Coworkers of the Thirty-second Session of the Johnston Baptist Association—GREETING:

(1) After enjoying the blessed gifts of our dear and Heavenly Father for one year, we meet to pay Him homage for the same.

(2) We are facing a crisis today that the world never saw before, but let us meet it bravely, as Christian workers, for our Master, knowing He cannot fail.

(3) The world may fall but the kingdom of our God will stand. Jesus has brought us through many dark days, and if we will trust and work in his vineyard, he can and will do it again.

(4) We thank Thee—

For the Babe of Bethlehem, in the manger, and the Christ child in the carpenter shop.

For the part the children of the churches have had in carrying the good news of the Kingdom of Christ to a waiting world.

(5) For the influence of Christian homes in lands where Thou rt as yet known only to few.

(6) For the loving service of those devoted men and women who in all the world are saving the people from sin and ignorance and suffering.

(7) For their assurance that inasmuch as we have done it unto the least of thy little ones, we have done it unto Thee.

(8) Dear workers in the vineyard of the Master, the Lord has vited our field this year and has taken away two of our coworkers in the persons of Rev. H. D. Sanders and Rev. R. J. Johnson, and possibly many others I know not of. But let us bow to the will of him that do well.

(9) Let us not forget the work of our school nor of our churches. Home, or foreign, let us strive to raise a good sum

of money for all causes for schools and churches. For we must push the Master Kingdom through a dark world like this. Dear friends, I have been busy the whole year through, heart and hands. May the Lord give us the best meeting we have ever had.

(10) Brethren, don't let us rob the people's cause for private benefit, but be true to our trust, that when we lay down to die we may take our place with the honored just. That the sun may shine on our graves with no dark ray. God forbid that our sons and daughters would have to look upon us with such contempt. May God bless the work.

Wm. Ellerbee,
Moderator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

We, your Committee on Grievances, beg to submit the following report: We have thoroughly investigated the reported trouble with Mount Carmel Baptist Church, located at Pine Level, N. C., and we find the church not divided as reported, but the church has excluded Bro. N. L. Horton from its membership for unchristianly conduct, and also released him from pastoring the church, and that Rev. H. H. Sanders has been regularly called by the members of said church as its pastor. We recommend that the Ministerial Board of this association look into the conduct of Brother Horton and see if he is living in accordance with ministerial dignity and Gospel order.

J. C. Melton,
R. B. Jones,
S. S. Hall,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CONDOLENCE.

We, your Committee on Condolence, beg to make the following report: Whereas, as it has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst our beloved brother, Rev. H. D. Sanders, vice-moderator of our association and Rev. Ransom Johnson, we recommend that the association dispense with the regular rou-

tine of business for the purpose of eulogizing the lives of our departed brethren.

Rev. Ge. H. Penney, *Chairman,*
Bro. Osborn Eaton,
Deacon J. T. Hinton,
Rev. W. M. Sanders,
Bro. C. T. Brewerton,
Prof. J. W. Byrd,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on Reception of New Churches, beg leave to make report: We have one church that wishes to unite with the Johnston Baptist Association. Name of the church, the New Hill Baptist Church, located four miles north of Wilson's Mill. Pastor, Rev. Ed. Sanders. Officers, Deacon Nathaniel Baker, Joshua Watson, Charlie O'Neal, Church Clerk.

Wilson's Mill, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2

Rev. R. B. Jones,
Rev. H. E. Clark,
A. L. Fowler,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following: Whereas, our association, Johnston Baptist Association, should stand for all that is high and best for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ. And, whereas, we do stand for those prin-

ciples taught in God's Word and made the object of all true Christian efforts; And, whereas, we are a band of active, progressive churches, doing the will of God and the work of our Lord, be it resolved:

(1) That we adopt wholeheartedly the missionary work to be done by our great church (both home and foreign);

(2) That each church in our bounds hold at least one missionary service every three months, at which time a missionary sermon be preached and an offering be taken and sent to the corresponding secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, or to the corresponding secretary of the State Convention.

(3) That we represent each year our association in Lott Cary Foreign Missionary Convention.

(4) That we make an appropriation to Shaw University each year for ministerial education.

(5) That we send ten per cent of the money collected from all the churches to the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

(6) That each and every church in our association hold educational days at which time money be taken up for the Johnston County High School.

(7) Whereas, as we have not had heretofore any organ for the association, be it resolved: That we adopt the Union Reformer and that we take stock in that paper.

(8) That we make an appropriation to the Winston-Salem Orphans at Winston-Salem, N. C.

REPORTS BY SISTER CHANIE AUSTIN.

Fayetteville Street Church, Rev. M. F. Jones	$1.10
Williams Grove Church, Rev. R. B. Jones	.70
Wake Chapel, Rev. J. J. Jones	2.12
Blount Street, Rev. Coleman	.53

Oberlin Baptist, Rev. S. H. Witherspoon	.53
Christian Church, Rev. Matthews	1.30
Maple Temple, Rev. Hill	.80
Dawson Street Church	.55
_____	1.05
Total	$7.68
Expenses	2.68
Turned in	$5.00

REPORT BY SISTER McCULLERS OF WILSON.

Money reported	$11.15
Fruit	1.00
Furniture	9.35
Total	$21.50

Report by Sister Carolina Webb	$4.25
Report by W. D. Sanders	6.00

REPORT OF TREASUER.

The treasurer made his report. (See report.) Committee on Officers made report. (See report.) Committee on Place made report. (See report.) Committee on Condolence made report. (See report.) Committee on New Churches made report. (See report.) Trustees made their report. Report received but not adopted. Rev. Mr. Gregory, of the Christ's Disciples Church, introduced and made welcome. Association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS.

	$ 3.06
	15.65
	7.10
Smithfield Circle	2.00
Educational Call	35.15
Dr. C. E. Brown for T. M.	31.00
W. D. Sanders, financial agent	6.25
Mrs. Mary McCullers	11.15
Selma Circle	4.60
Mrs. Mary Alston	5.05
Friday night	9.17
	$130.18

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Church.	Educational.	Minute Fund.	Total.
White Oak Hill	$ 4.25	$ 5.75	$10.00
Fayetteville St. Baptist	3.10	5.05	8.15
New Vester	19.40	7.30	26.70
New Bethel (Wilson)	7.60	3.90	11.50
Benson	6.00	2.50	8.50
St. Marys	9.20	2.30	11.50
Sprin Hill	5.00	3.65	8.65
Zour Baptist	2.15	4.50	6.65
Green Chapel	4.10	2.35	6.45
Lee's X Roads	18.25	5.05	23.30
Strickland Grove	5.90	2.10	8.00
Gallilee	25.55	7.00	32.55

Mt. Carmel	2.20	.55	2.75
Green Hill	10.00	2.50	12.50
Oaky Grove	16.00	4.00	20.00
Clayton Baptist	8.50	9.55	18.05
Dawson Street	1.50	1.00	2.50
New Hill	2.50	.65	3.25
New Bethel	6.00	1.65	7.65
Wake Baptist	2.50	10.00	12.50
God Samaritan	13.26	6.50	19.76
Watts Chapel	5.00	4.55	9.55
Johnston Piney Grove	12.50	17.50	30.00
St. Amanda	5.00	1.25	6.25
Williams Grove	5.85	1.95	7.80
Smithfield	26.65	16.70	43.40
Rodger's Grove	2.10	5.05	7.15
Union Baptist	1.00	1.00	2.00
St. John	13.65	5.45	19.10
Selma	28.85	12.50	41.35
Ebenezer	2.00	2.00	4.00

From churches	$433.91
Public collections	130.18
	$564.09

APPROPRIATION.

M. F. Jones donated	$ 1.40
Wm. Ellerbee	12.40
Williams & Wellons	84.92
Rand & Lawrence	42.85
Programs	6.15

J. W. Byrd, for lumber	5.00
W. A. Jones, for printing	2.50
Balance on printing minutes	3.60
Minute covers	2.00
Stationery	4.00
Compiling minutes	18.00
Printing minutes	53.00
A. F. Sanders	6.00
H. R. Goodson	9.10
W. A. Jones	7.20
M. L. McCoy	3.00
J. E. Houcutt	4.50
H. R. Goodson	3.70
Mary Byrd	5.00
J. W. Byrd	35.48
W. A. Jones	32.12
Roberta Bunn	53.55
Sexton	2.00
A. L. Wall	27.50
W. A. Sanders	4.50
M. V. Canaday	2.10
J. W. Byrd	5.00
R. Spiller	5.00
H. J. Smith, for service	10.00

COURSE OF STUDY FOR ORDINATION.

Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, United States History, English Grammar, Geography, Scripture, Theology (systematic), Benediction, The Church, by Harvey; Deanconship, by Howell; Church Discipline, by Hiscock; Homiletics, by Broadus; Moral Philosophy and History of the Baptist Denomination.

All applicants for ordination to preach will be required to pass a satisfactory examination upon the above studies. We desire respectfully to ask the churches belonging to this association not to license any applicants to preach the Gospel until he passes a satisfactory examination upon the following studies: Spelling, Reading, Writing, Fundamental Principles of Arithmetic, English Grammar and Primary Geography. Courses of study produced by the Ministerial Board by order of the association.

BY-LAWS.

Section 1. All moneys sent from churches, societies and individuals shall be acknowledged in the minutes of the association.

Sec. 2. Before the final adjournment of this association all funds, notes, etc., shall be counted by the Finance Committee and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall give the Finance Committee a receipt for the amount placed in his hands.

Sec. 3. No missionary or agent of the association shall be Treasurer.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall refund all money paid out otherwise specified in the Constitution.

Sec. 5. After the expenses of the association shall have been paid, the remaining association funds shall be applied to such purposes as the association shall direct: Provided, that the funds sent in for education, home and foreign missions, be held by the boards subject to the order of the respective boards.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall turn over to his successor all funds, notes, books and papers belonging to the association as soon as his successor shall give bond, as specified in the above section.

Sec. 7. Should the newly elected Treasurer in any case fail to qualify, the Finance Committee shall retain the funds and be held responsible for the same until a Treasurer, to be elected by the association or the Executive Board, shall qualify.

Sec. 8. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make annual reports to the Association

Sec. 9. The duties of the boards provided for in the Constitution shall be such as are usually performed by such boards in other similar bodies.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be denominated and known as "The Johnston Baptist Association."

Art. 2. The object of this association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament. It shall be its duty to encourage education, to establish and support an associational high school within its bounds. Said school shall be under the control of a board of trustees elected by this association, consisting of nine members, and shall be elected so that the term of office to expire after the first year of two members, the term to expire after the second year of two members, and the term to expire after the third year of two members, after the fourth year three members, and so on, until this article is changed. But each member, after his term shall expire, shall be eligible to reëlection; provided, the association shall fill all vacancies at each of its annual sessions, and shall require a comprehensive report annually from said board of trustees.

Art. 3. This association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to two or more delegates. Ministers who are members of Missionary Baptist churches in good standing, may become annual members by paying 50c at any annual meeting; provided, ministers who aided in the organization of this association shall be considered members so long as they remain members in good standing in any Missionary Baptist Church.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the term.

Art. 5. The officers of this association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be elected annually by the association. In addition to these there

shall be elected annually by the association an Executive Board of seven, an Educational Board of nine, a Home Mission Board of five, and a Foreign Board of five members; provided, that the Moderator and the Clerk be *ex-officio* members.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, giving his opinion concerning any question under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, to give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the purpose for which they were collected. He shall not pay orders drawn on the Treasurer except it be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of the association.

Art. 9. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the association, through delegates appointed for the purpose, and if the association shall consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend to the delegate the right-hand of fellowship.

Art. 10. The association shall not maintain fellowship with any church or churches that neglect to preserve good order.

Art. 11. The association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

Art. 12. The annual session of this body shall convene on Wednesday, 10 a. m., before the third Sunday in October, of each year, and at such a place as this body may elect, and close on Friday evening.

Art. 13. The ministers composing the association shall hold three ministerial meetings a year in such place as the brethren may designate.

Art. 14. We will receive no minister into the association but those who have good moral characters.

Art. 15. Each church connected with the association may continue its membership by each church paying 25c annually for each of its members, 5c for general funds, 20c for education.

Art. 16. Baptist missionary societies within the bounds of this association may become members of this association by sending voluntary contributions. Each society shall be entitled to one delegate.

Art. 17. By appointment of this association there shall be preached during each annual session, an introductory, educational, doctrinal and missionary sermon.

Art. 18. One day during each session shall be set apart as Woman's Missionary Day, and that they shall have charge of a special program of their own, but all money raised on Woman's Missionary Day shall go into the general association funds.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

(*Revised to October* 17, 1913.)